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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER - MARCH 5, 1975

1. ON THE LOWER MEKONG, GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE GIVEN UP SEVERAL KEY POSITIONS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE MEKONG, OPPOSITE NEAK LUONG, GOVERNMENT FORCES DISLODGED COMMUNIST FORCES FROM THEIR POSITION ON THE ROAD LINKING NEAK LUONG AND BANAM. TWENTY-SIX KC WERE KILLED IN ACTIONS THERE YESTERDAY, MARCH 4. MORE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS ARE REPORTED ON NEAK LUONG. AND, FURTHER DOWNSTREAM, AT FANK'S SIERRA TWO POSITION, GOVERNMENT AIR SUPPLY CONTINUES. SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL, FANK HAS RELIEVED ONE ENCIRCLED GOVERNMENT UNIT. THREE HUNDRED COMMUNIST TROOPS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN THIS ACTION ON MARCH 4. NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL, MILITARY ACTIONS ARE REPORTED ALL ACROSS THAT FRONT. NO GROUND WAS GIVEN UP BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. ON THE EAST BANK ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS ARE REPORTED AGAINST GOVERNMENT PARA UNITS THERE. AT SIEM REAP STUDENT RIOTS DIRECTED AGAINST CHINESE SHOPKEEPERS ARE

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REPORTED. IN THE CAPITAL THERE WERE TWENTY ROCKET ATTACKS

BETWEEN 0625 HOURS ON FOUR MARCH AND 0210 HOURE ON MARCH FIVE.
EIGHT PERSONS WERE WOUNDED IN THESE LATEST ATTACKS. SIO SUSPECTED
105 MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS WERE ALSO FIRED AT THE CITY.

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